

Montana Transportation Commission

June 29, 2006 meeting ~ 8:30 am

Red Lodge Pizza Company
115 S Broadway Avenue ~ Red Lodge, Montana

SUMMARY MINUTES

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The following is an unofficial **summary** of commission action; the formal minutes of this meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next commission meeting.

Agenda item 1: Approve minutes

April 5, 2006 teleconference
April 10, 2006 teleconference
April 13, 2006 meeting
May 4, 2006 teleconference
May 8, 2006 teleconference
May 25, 2006 meeting
June 5, 2006 teleconference

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the minutes as presented for April 5, 10, 13 and May 4, 8, 25, and June 5, 2006; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All four commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 2: CTEP projects on MDT right-of-way

Sidewalks- Columbus
River Trail System-Deer Lodge

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the addition of two CTEP projects, namely *Sidewalks-Columbus* and *River Trail System-Deer Lodge*, to the program; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All four commissioners voted aye.

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http://www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/trans_comm/meetings.shtml

Agenda item 3: US 93 access control exception committee – roles and responsibilities

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the roles and responsibilities of the US Access Control Exceptions Committee, including the appeals process outlined in the document presented; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All four commissioners voted aye.

Agenda item 4: Speed limit

MT 39 – Colstrip North (Rosebud County)

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the 55 mph speed limit for Colstrip North; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

US 12 – MacDonald Pass (Lewis & Clark County)

The recommendation is for a 60 mph speed limit beginning at station 252+00, project FH 28-1(3), (just east of the Powell County – Lewis & Clark County Line) and continuing east to station 476+00, project RF-FF 249(27), an approximate distance of 4.24 miles.

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the 60 mph limit on MacDonald Pass; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MT 38 – Skalkaho Road

The report states the department's recommendation is 35 mph speed limit beginning at the intersection with US 93 and continuing south to straight-line diagram station 13+00, an approximate distance of 1,300 feet. Then, a 60 mph speed limit beginning at straight-line diagram station 13+00 and continuing south and then east to the end of the department's maintenance jurisdiction at milepost 14.5, an approximate distance of 14.2 miles.

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the recommendation as presented; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 5: Adoption Notice for Outdoor Advertising Rules

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve and sign the adoption notice for the outdoor advertising administrative rules approved at the May 25, 2006 commission meeting; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 9: Letting lists

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the letting lists presented for June, July, August, and September of 2006; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Howlett, Kennedy and Espy).

Agenda item 10: Certificates of completion

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the certificates of completion for April and May 2006; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 11: Project change orders

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to approve project change orders for April and May 2006 in the amount of \$784,056.23; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 7: Delegation requesting special road name change

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to grant the request of the family to designate a piece of highway as the Robert E. Ewing, Jr. memorial highway by resolution; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The family suggested an appropriate location would be Interstate 90 from Columbus to Park City, the stretch of highway for which Bob's project received first place award in 1971.

Tim, would you be so kind as to prepare a resolution for the commission's August meeting?

Agenda item 6: Amended access control resolution

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the amended access control resolution for Main St/Haynes Ave in Miles City; Commissioner Howlett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.